



# Hendry County Sheriff's Office

## General Order 15.5

<b>TITLE:</b> Body Armor	<b>SHERIFF'S APPROVAL:</b> Digital
<b>ORIGINATION DATE:</b> February 2, 2019	<b>REVISION DATE:</b> May 23, 2019
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**I. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this order is to establish a policy/procedure for the use of body armor.

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**II. SCOPE:** This order shall apply to all sheriffs' office members.

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**III. POLICY:** The agency provides all sworn law enforcement personnel and certain civilian personnel body armor to enhance their safety.

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### **IV. PROCEDURE:**

- A. This agency shall issue one ballistic vest (body armor) to all personnel that are regularly engaged in law enforcement related duties.
- B. While in uniform, all sworn law enforcement personnel will wear their issued body armor. Exclusions include:
  - 1. Honor Guard and Bomb Squad, while acting in these specific capacities;
  - 2. With supervisory approval, employees attending certain trainings;
  - 3. While at ceremonial, formal, or other special meetings or events;
  - 4. Other circumstances or situations pre-approved by the Sheriff or Chief Deputy.
- C. Personnel in non-uniformed positions shall have his/her issued body armor available for immediate use while on duty.
- D. All sworn law enforcement personnel, whether in uniform or not, shall wear body armor during specific assignments, such as tactical operations, or other hazardous situations where the conditions are known to be especially dangerous. Prior to the assignment or situation, the supervisor in charge shall determine these times.

- E. Care and maintenance of the body armor is the responsibility of the individual deputy.
    - 1. Deputies will adhere to the manufacturer's instructions for care and maintenance of the body armor, to include but not be limited to the following:
      - a. Store the body armor out of direct sunlight.
      - b. Ensure that the body armor is not saturated with any liquid substance.
    - 2. Any maintenance questions or requests will be directed to the Supply Unit.
    - 3. Deputies will have current body armor and will notify Supply Unit via email at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date.
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**V. GLOSSARY:**

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